

## **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention is directed to 2-aminothiazole compounds which are aspartyl protease inhibitors, and are inhibitors of both the beta-secretase enzyme and HIV protease, and that are useful in the treatment of diseases in which the beta-secretase enzyme and HIV are involved, such as Alzheimer's disease, HIV Infection and AIDS. The invention is also directed to pharmaceutical compositions comprising these compounds and the use of these compounds and compositions in the treatment of such diseases in which the beta-secretase enzyme and HIV protease are involved.